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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0001] and [0009] of the specification as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed.

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph.

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[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/202 221, filed December 9, 1998.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following rewritten paragraph.

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[0009] A wire electrode of the invention could be manufactured in such a manner that a sleeve out of a brass pipe or brass band is applied to a steel core enveloped with copper, and the composite is thereafter reduced by means of wire drawing. This type of manufacture becomes more